

In the claims:

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below. Please cancel claims 6, 10, 18 and 27-30 without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
  
an information display, wherein a value of a variable selected from the group consisting of percentage of maximum daylight, sunrise, sunset, phase of the moon, tide height, wave height, wind speed, probability of precipitation, weather conditions, a birthday, a graduation day, and an anniversary, pertaining to a particular time, is associated with an icon representing an image of said value of said variable, wherein the icon is embedded on a portion of said information display.
2. (Original) Said apparatus of claim 1, wherein said value of said variable to be associated with a location.
3. (Original) Said apparatus of claim 1, wherein said information display is handheld.
4. (Currently Amended) Said apparatus of claim 1, wherein a modulation of background intensity of said icon ~~portion of said information display~~ is correlated with said variable.

5. (Currently Amended) Said apparatus of claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein a modulation of background intensity of icon ~~portion of said information display~~ is correlated with said variable to form a watermark image on said information display.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) Said apparatus of claim 3, wherein said information display is coupled with a handheld computer.

8. (Currently Amended) A method to display a variable on an information display, comprising:

selecting a value of the variable from the group consisting of percentage

of maximum daylight, sunrise, sunset, phase of the moon, tide

height, wave height, wind speed, probability of precipitation, weather

conditions, a birthday and an anniversary ,pertaining to a particular time;

and

associating the variable with an icon representing an image of said value of said variable; and

embedding the icon on a portion of the information display.

9. (Original) Said method of claim 8, wherein the information display is handheld.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) Said method of claim 10, further comprising correlating the icon with a magnitude of the variable.

12. (Currently Amended) Said method of claim 8, wherein said associating causes a background intensity of the icon ~~portion of said information display~~ to be correlated with the variable.

13. (Currently Amended) Said method of claim 8, wherein said associating causes a modulation of a background intensity of the icon ~~portion of said information display~~ to be correlated with the variable.

14. (Original) Said method of claim 8, wherein the information display is coupled with a handheld computer.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing executable computer program instructions, which when executed by a data processing system, cause the data processing system to perform a method to display a variable on an information display, comprising:

selecting a value of the variable from the group consisting of daylight, sunrise, sunset, phase of the moon, tide height, wave height, wind speed, probability of precipitation, weather conditions, a birthday and an anniversary; and

associating the variable with an icon representing an image of said value of said variable; and

embedding the icon on a portion of the information display.

16. (Original) Said computer readable medium as set for the in claim 15 wherein the value of the variable is associated with a location.

17. Said computer readable medium as set forth in claim 15, wherein the information display is handheld.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) Said computer readable medium as set forth in claim 18, wherein the method further comprises correlating the icon with a magnitude of the variable.

20. (Currently Amended) Said computer readable medium as set forth in claim 15, wherein said associating causes a background intensity of the icon ~~portion of said information display~~ to be correlated with the variable.

21. (Currently Amended) Said computer readable medium as set forth in claim 15, wherein said associating causes a modulation of a background intensity of the icon ~~portion of said information display~~ to be correlated with the variable.

22. (Original) Said computer readable medium as set forth in claim 15, wherein the information display is coupled with a handheld computer.

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
an information display; and  
a calendar to be displayed on said information display, wherein an image representing a percentage of maximum sunlight for a selected time and a location is to be associated with a calendar entry to be displayed on said information display.

24. (Original) Said apparatus of claim 23, wherein said information display is coupled with a handheld computer.

25. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
estimating a percentage of maximum sunlight for a time and location; ~~and~~  
associating the percentage of maximum sunlight with a calendar entry ~~on an information display; and~~  
displaying an image of the percentage of sunlight on an information display.

26. (Currently Amended) Said method of claim 25, wherein said ~~displaying~~ results in modulating ~~a display~~ the image intensity of a part of said information display.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)